

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD) released the following statement today in recognition of Memorial Day, observed Monday, May 25:

"This weekend, we honor every American who died in our Nation's service, from the founding days of the Republic to today's conflicts on the far side of the world. So often, in the halls of Congress, we speak words like 'freedom,' 'democracy,' and 'equality'; let us remember, as we say them, that brave men and women died for them, far from home.

"We keep faith with them today, and every day. I hope that every American will take time this weekend to remember that the rights and prosperity we enjoy today were fought for at the cost of great pain and sacrifice. I hope that every American will keep in their thoughts not only the dead, but also our veterans, as well as the troops who are serving on this Memorial Day, at a time of both celebration and mourning for those of us fortunate enough to be civilians in America. Finally, I hope that those good thoughts will be backed by action-that we will always give our troops the resources they need to succeed, and that we will provide an honorable welcome for our veterans when they return home."

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